

# Nominating Committee Report for the 2026 Board of Directors

--Reported by Ken Cissna

This year's Nominating Committee, charged with proposing a slate of BMTA officers for the 2026 fiscal year, consisting of Clare Sullivan, Steve Cartwright, Bob Cowdrick (ex officio member), and Ken Cissna as Chairperson.

We are fortunate to continue to have dedicated volunteers who make it possible for the BMTA to fulfill its mission: *"To preserve, protect and maintain the Benton MacKaye Trail"*.

## 2026 Slate of Nominees

President	Bob Cowdrick
Vice President	Kelly Wentworth
Secretary	Jessie Hayden
Treasurer	Suzie May
GA Maintenance Director	Joe Cantwell
TN/NC Maintenance Director	Patrick Ward
Smokies Coordinator	Steve Pruett
Hiking Director	Ray Laws
Membership	Byron Coker
Communications	Joy Forehand
Conservation	Darcy Douglas

Two other Board positions are filled by the President:

Georgia State Representative

Tennessee/North Carolina State Representative

Three Board positions are filled by a vote of the Board of Directors:

Newsletter Editor

Store Manager

Coordinator of Electronic Media

Thank you to each of you and to the volunteers who assisted in this process.

Voting takes place at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on November 1, 2025, at Lands Creek Log Cabins, Bryson City, NC. Nominations also may be made from the floor.